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Ward 2 API residents listen in on the Mayor's presentation with the aid of simultaneous interpretation provided by OAPIA staff.

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API Residents Speak Out at the Mayor's Neighborhood Citizen Summits

The Mayor's series of Neighborhood Citizen Summits gathered residents at each ward in their respective neighborhoods to follow up on issues presented during the Citizen Summit III, to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005 and to present the long-range vision of the District.

API residents and community leaders congregated at the Ward 2 and Ward 1 Summits where the Mayor began the meeting with a presentation of the challenges and solutions for the District. OAPIA provided simultaneous interpretation and staff support during both Ward 2 and Ward 1 Summits to encourage participation from limited English proficient residents. During the presentation, the Mayor emphasized providing quality education, making neighborhoods safer, and expanding opportunities in health care, housing and jobs for residents. Challenges to funding were also identified to which tough choices were presented – prioritizing service improvements in order of urgency, delaying some renovations/constructions, and balancing investments with tax cuts. The second presentation painted the District's long-term vision for creating successful neighborhoods, providing access to education and employment, and connecting the city. The Mayor concluded each presentation by deferring to residents for their input and questions.

To foster a more intimate dialogue with the Mayor, residents were organized into approximately 15 tables with 10-12 residents per table. Following each presentation, residents filled out worksheets to provide feedback on issues presented and discussed on one question to present to the Mayor. API residents presented its concern for making citywide services more accessible to the limited English proficient (LEP) community to which the Mayor pledged his continued support for the District's Language Access Bill and to continue working through OAPIA to engage the API LEP community.

Federal Funding Opportunities

The Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention announces funds to reduce substance abuse among youth. Application deadline is 3/26. Please call (202) 307-0690 for more info.

The Department of Education/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education announces funds to enhance school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children. Application deadline is 3/16. Email ecprofdev@ed.gov for more information.

The Department of Commerce/National Tel. and Info. Admin. announces funds to promote the use of advanced technology. Application deadline is 4/27. Please call (202) 482-2048 for info.

District Funding Opportunities

The DC State Education Office announces funds for program design that provides teachers with skills to improve the math & science instruction. Application deadline is 3/19. Please call (202) 641-5766 for info.

The DC Commission on National and Community Service announces funds for youth-led community service projects organized for National Youth Service Day during 4/16-4/18. Application deadline is 3/15. Please visit www.cnscs.dc.gov for info.

Foundation Funding Opportunities

Barnes & Noble considers request for local support that focuses on literacy, the arts or education from organizations in the communities it serves. There are no deadlines for applications. Please visit http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/company/codonation/co_donation.html.

The Ludwick Family Foundation provides tangible items such as new vehicles or equipment, equipment replacement and modernization, improvements to facilities, and educational materials. Application deadline is 3/31. Please visit <http://www.ludwick.org/index.html>.

The Quality Health Foundation provides grants for to improve access to health care services, enhancement of treatment through use of best practices, and improved communication of health knowledge. Application deadline is 3/15. Please call (410) 763-6227 for more info.

The American Non-Profit Technology Alliance provides members with hardware/software donations, technology consulting, free software downloads, newsletter, education programs and a resource library. For further information and to register, go to: <http://www.anpta.com>.

The information above is excerpted from Funding Alert, a free service of the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development. Email fundingalert@dc.gov to be added to the list or visit http://opgd.dc.gov/services/grant/funding_alerts/index.shtm for archives.

EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is looking to fill the position of administrative manager based in Washington DC ASAP. Please visit <http://www.searac.org> for more information.

The Asian American Federation is recruiting for a Deputy Executive Director to oversee program development and implementation, fiscal management, human resources, IT, and office management. Please visit <http://www.aafny.org> for more information.

The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) is seeking to fill a technical administrative support position. For more information, visit napcadc@yahoo.com.

The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) has a paid internship position available. Email jeff@ncrp.org for more information.

Boat People S.O.S. has paid positions to tutor and mentor youth ages 10-18 after school. Please email bach.pham@bpsos.org for more information.

The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies seeks community development and public policy interns. Please email thanh.tran@navasa.org for more information.

The Office of Senator Sam Brownback is seeking interns with language skills in Korean, Chinese, and Japanese. The senator serves as Chairman of the Asia Pacific Subcommittee on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Please email sean_woo@brownback.senate.gov for info.

The Organization of Chinese Americans has 24 paid internships available with placements including Congress and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Application deadline is 3/15. Visit www.ocanatl.org for information.

Community Calendar

3/8: Asian Pacific American Bar Association-DC Seminar on Tax Tips: Common Mistakes, Overlooked Deductions, etc.

3/10: Asian Pacific American Bar Association Education Fund reception and silent auction.

5/12-5/16: Leadership Training for Refugee and Immigrant Women in Sioux Falls, SD organized by the Refugee Women's Network, Inc. Please email leadershipprogram@riwn.org for more information.

5/13-5/15: National Association for the Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA) national conference at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel in Boston, MA. Please email trinh@bostonwomensfund.org for more information.

If you have any questions or would like to include information about your organization's program in our newsletter, please contact Lisa Nguyen at (202) 727-3120 or email lisa.nguyen@dc.gov.

OAPIA Upcoming Events...

OAPIA Council Oversight Hearing

OAPIA's council oversight hearing will be held on March 13 from 10-6 p.m. in the Wilson Building, before the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Latino and Asian/PI Affairs, and Property Management. The hearing will be broadcast live on cable TV, and simultaneous interpretation in major Asian languages will be provided for those in need. OAPIA encourages API community members and organizations to testify on our office performance and/or any community needs. If you cannot make it on this day, written statements are also accepted by close of business March 19.

Housing Workshop – March 16, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Invited guest speaker from the Fannie Mae Foundation, a nonprofit devoted to affordable housing and the revitalization of communities, will provide residents in Ward 2 information on buying a first home. The workshop will be held at Chinatown Service Center located at 900 Mass. Ave., NW.

Safety Workshop – March 17-18, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Invited guest speaker from the Asian Liaison Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department will present to Ward 2 residents information on fire prevention, emergency preparedness, crime reporting procedures, and the crime victim assistance fund. The workshops will be held at Gibson Plaza and 401 K St on March 17 and 18, respectively.

Ward 2 Merchant Workshop – March 25, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide information on food inspection and compliance, trash and rodent control, business safety, and business licenses for Ward 2 small business owners. The workshop will be held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

For information on any of the events, please contact OAPIA at (202) 727-3120.

More Pictures from the Ward 2 & 1 Summits...

